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"OLD TIMERS" TILT WITH THE NORTHFIELD A.A. ON LABOR DAY

The smell of moth balls and the sound of creaking joints will be in the air on Labor Day at the high school diamond when the local "Old Timers" engage the beardless Northfield A. A. in a game of catch - er, baseball.

The game, preceded by a "Little League" game at 2 p.m., will wind up the local baseball season. The A. A. hopes to see the season wind up in fine fashion - financially speaking that is, and at the same time intend to batter the "Old Timers" into submission. The old folks intend to do the same thing so it should be quite a game, although only nine men will be allowed on field at any one time, except to help each other off the diamond.

Fans will be able to see some cradle to the grave baseball, what with the "Little Leaguers" in action before the major offering of the day, and both squads hope for a

banner turnout to welcome some of Northfield's favorite ballplayers back to the wars.

The "Old Timers" have released the names of their squad, including the descriptive parenthetical nicknames:

Catcher, Bob (Hump) Gibson, pitcher, Stanley (Iron Arm) Bistrek, pitcher, Fred (No Run, No Hit) Gibson, 1st base, Dean (Ted) Williams, 1st base, Frank (Base Stealer) Lombard, 2nd base, Mike (Home Run) Furcolo, (Sure Hit) Glazier, 3rd and pitcher, Paul (Uki) Urgiel, 3rd and pitcher, Lyle (Swift) Amadeo, Bill (Home Run) Summers, Ralph (Sluggo) Holton, Phil (Power House) Holton, Fred (Lanky) Bolton, Leon (One Base) Bistrek, Bill (Two Base) Walker and Gordon (Texaco) Buffum.

A great day for baseball on Labor Day afternoon. See you then.

GARDEN CLUB FLOWER SHOW DRAWS HUNDREDS, AS 100 PRIZES AWARDED

The Northfield Garden Club Flower Show at the Northfield Chateau brought out nearly 800 visitors, while 100 prizes were awarded to the best of the 200 exhibits during the two-day event last week.

Mrs. Martin E. Vorce was grand prize winner with her arrangement of flowers and trailing vine for a mantle.

W. D. Miller displayed garden tools, seeds, etc. while the 4-H Club members displayed a model swimming pool and recreation area constructed with moss, tree branches and miniature buildings and equipment.

Charles Leach exhibited flower pictures and Philip Porter of the Northfield hotel exhibited a show house and flowers. Russell Bigelow exhibited a painting and flower arrangement and John Addison and Mrs. R. Thompson showed pictures. Mrs. Philip Porter arranged a special begonia exhibit. Trees were loaned by the Congregational church, Mrs. Prescott and W. Waite. Memorial bouquets for Mrs. F. Merrill and Mrs. L. J. Lawrence were also displayed.

Winners follow, with first, second and third prizes given in order: Section A, arrangements, class one, Mrs. Eleanor Averill, I. J. Lawrence, Mrs. H. Bigelow, two, Mrs. W. F. Hoehn, Mrs. L. L. Lazelle, Mrs. N. G. Nims, three, Mrs. Vorce, Mrs. Nims, no third; four, Mrs. Mark Aldrich, Mrs. Vorce, Mrs. Lazelle, five, Miss Edith Hall, Mrs. Eleanor Averill, Mrs. Nims; six, Mrs. Vorce, Mrs. R. Spencer, Miss L. Roe; seven, Mrs. Vorce, Jean Thompson, Miss Eva Freeman;

eight, Mrs. Averill, Mrs. G. W. Carr, Mrs. Porter; nine, Mrs. Nims, Mrs. Lazelle, Mrs. Spencer; 10, Mrs. Averill, Mrs. R. L. Wood, Mrs. Earl Lilly; 11, Mrs. Nims, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Averill; 12, Miss Freeman, Lawrence, Mrs. Aldrich; 13, Mrs. Vorce, Mrs. Nims, no third; 14, Mrs. Nims, Mrs. Lilly and Mrs. Ross Spencer.

Section B, blooms, class one, D. Lilly, Mrs. Simons, no third; two, Mrs. Lazelle, Lilly, Mrs. J. Dale; three, Mrs. B. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Puelin, and A. P. Welch.

Section C, potted plants, class one, Mrs. Nims, Mrs. Carr, Miss Mabel Willey; two, Atkins, Miss Pearl Ash, Mrs. Porter; three, Mrs. C. Mayberry, Mrs. Carr, Miss Hall; four, Mrs. L. Thompson, Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Nims; five, Mrs. Dale, Miss Fanny, Mrs. Johnson; six, Mrs. Mayberry, Miss Fanny, Miss Ash.

Section D, flowers "As I like them", Mrs. Nims, Miss Lilly, Miss Freeman; E, Russell Bigelow, Mrs. H. Bigelow, Mrs. J. Moody, F. J. Spencer; Mrs. R. Stoner, G. De. G. Bronson, Mrs. Vorce, Lilly, H. Miss M. C. Shields, Mrs. Vorce, Miss M. A. Shields; I, Mrs. Vorce, Lawrence, Mrs. Lazelle; J, florists' exhibits, Ellis of Keene, N. H., by Carolyn Miller; Yetter of Greenfield, and Taylor of Brattleboro, Vt.

Section K, semi-professional, R. C. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Barrows; W. F. Hoehn, Stanley Bistrek; R. N. special, exhibits Emery Rikert, Russell Bigelow, and Northfield schools.

Post Office Hours For Holiday Weekend

Northfield Post Office will be open all day Saturday and 8:30 to 10:30 Monday. No rural deliveries Monday.

Birth rates in 1948 were five to ten per cent lower than in 1947, according to the Britannica Book of the Year.

The love-song of the red-headed woodpecker consists of drumming with the beak on dead branches.

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YOUTH ARGOSY ENDS HISTORIC WORLD TOUR, 25,000 MILES, 25 COUNTRIES

Thirty-five Youth Argosy students and professional people officially ended their Round the World goodwill educational trip today - the first venture of its kind in history.

Equipped with collapsible bicycles, sleeping bags and ample clothing these young people have visited 25 countries on their 25,000 mile journey which spanned three continents and touched a fourth. Since their departure from Hartford, Connecticut, July 10 in a chartered DC-4 plane, they have been guests of the YMCA and student organizations in Honolulu, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Bangkok, Calcutta, New Delhi, Karachi, Tehran, Cairo, Rome and Copenhagen. They are the first American student group ever to visit Bangkok or Tehran.

The students' educational program has included an interview with Prime Minister Pandit Nehru at his home in New Delhi, an inspection of crowded housing conditions in Hong Kong, a survey of rural life in Iran and lengthy political discussions with local newspapermen at each stop.

The last outstanding event was attending a two-day Youth Hostel festival at Silkeborg, Denmark, where young people from twenty countries were gathered together. The Argonauts were called upon to take part

in the festival in the great open-air theatre, where a varied program of colorful dances and spirited singing characterized the various visiting countries.

The world flight is sponsored by Youth Argosy, Inc., a non-profit educational organization strongly supported by the U. S. State Department. The students' carrier, the Transocean Air Lines, an internationally known contract service with a perfect safety record.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith of Northfield, Massachusetts, founders and co-directors of Youth Argosy, personally conducted the round the world flight. "Youth Argosy's purpose," they explained, "is to link youth with youth the world over regardless of creed or color. Our non-profit organization provides young people with safe and inexpensive transportation so that they may form world-wide friendships, enjoy the educational benefits of travel and thereby gain a greater knowledge, love and understanding of the world."

The Smiths, prominent in youth work in America and abroad for the past sixteen years, also founded the American Youth Hostels movement. Under their guidance, thousands have bicycled, hiked and ridden horseback through virtually every country in the world.

NORTHFIELD MAIN ST. TO LOSE SOME 134 YEAR OLD ELMS THIS FALL

According to an announcement made this week by state engineers and Ernest A. Parker, chairman of the selectmen, some 32 trees will be removed from Northfield's Main street, because, according to state authorities, they now constitute a menace to public safety.

25 other trees along Main street will be repaired, while 36 four-inch maples about ten years old will be planted in designated places along the highway. Five trees will also be removed, and replaced by these maples, along the road to Northfield Farms.

Many of these trees were planted in the town of 1814, 124 years ago by Thomas Power, a young lawyer, and withstood the ravages of wind and time until the 1938 hurricane which destroyed and uprooted many of them.

The project of replacing the trees will cost more than \$10,000 with the state assuming the major portion of the cost. The state has not made the removal of these trees mandatory this year, but according to Parker, it would be wise to move now, and he added, work will begin in the fall if state funds are available.

The State spent \$5,000 this summer in trimming many of the trees along the Main street and discovered at this time that many of the trees had decayed so badly that there was little hope of saving them.

Many of the trees to be removed are rotting and some were split by the 1938 hurricane while others were cankered, decayed by borers and some were crooked.

Two century old state-owned butternut trees will be removed as well as 16 maples and nine elms.

ART SUPERVISOR CHOSEN FOR UNION ADD TWO NEW TEACHERS TO FACULTY

Supt. F. Sumner Turner made known this week that School Union 22 has added a new subject to the curriculum of all the schools of the Union and that an Art Supervisor had been selected from a number of applicants to oversee the program.

Supt. Turner said that Edson Crafts, a Navy veteran and a graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, will take over with the opening of classes next week.

Crafts, who studied at the Rhode Island School of Design from 1941 to 1943, who is married and has one child, is 28, and lives in Greenfield. He has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and also took a graduate course at the University of Chicago while at the same time teaching private classes for children and adults.

While at Brown University undergoing naval training, Crafts played varsity basketball as well as track.

The Art Supervisor will spend two days a week in the Union while visiting every classroom once every two weeks. He will spend 1 1/2 days in Northfield visiting every class from 1 to 12. Work will be assigned to all the classes for the alternate weeks when the instructor will be elsewhere in the Union.

FOR SALE

The Probate Court has commissioned me to sell this secluded 6 room hide-away in East Northfield near the Seminary campus. Two beautiful fieldstone fireplaces - sound roof - solid foundation - electricity - ideal summer home - only \$3700. Stanley L. Cummins, 4 Court Sq., Greenfield, Tel. 8120.

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Two other new teachers have been added to the faculty of the local schools. Miss Mary E. Jackson from Pittsfield, N. H., and a graduate of the University of New Hampshire will teach Grade 3. Miss Jean E. Shaw, a graduate of Deering High School, Portland, Maine, and an A. B. degree from Tufts college will teach English in grades 7 and 8.

Miss Rosemarie Marten has left the faculty. The complete faculty for the high school: George M. Leonard, principal, Mr. Carleton Brown, Harold H. McLean, Miss Evelyn Lawley, assistant principal, Miss Nellie Dearstyne, Miss Eleanor Merriam, Miss Beryl Stinson and Miss Shaw. For Center School, Miss Dorothy Totman, principal, Miss Elizabeth Bradley, Mrs. Ruth Stebbins, Mrs. Virginia Haack, Mrs. Alice Billings, Mrs. Ruth Bolton and Miss Jackson.

Evening Alliance To Sew for Foreign Aid

The Evening Alliance of the Unitarian Church will hold a meeting at the church on Thursday evening, Sept. 8.

A devotional service and business meeting will be followed by sewing and repairing of clothing for foreign aid.

Mrs. Albert Anderson and Mrs. James Dale will be hostesses.

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One-Man Doubles Team Features Tournament

"Scooter" Bowman won the Walter Chapin Ping-pong tournament held in the Chapin garage on the Ridge last week. Mrs. William Bowman won second place.

Appropriate "silver" cups were awarded the winners. Jimmie Kidd, a Boys Club champion from Boston, was forced to withdraw from the tournament when he got near too many ears of corn.

The Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, pastor of the local Unitarian Church, played as a doubles team using two paddles. How's that again? Cokes and ice cream were served. A large number of spectators were present.

Donald Duncan on European Bike Tour

Donald Duncan, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. Y. Duncan of New York City and East Northfield, has been touring Europe this summer. The bicycle tour included the following countries: Belgium, Holland, France, with brief trips into Germany, Switzerland, Italy, the French Mediterranean coast and England.

Young Duncan flew from Bradley Field, Conn. to Paris, but is returning by boat to Quebec.

Extension Service To Sponsor Meeting

The Franklin County Extension Service will hold a meeting at the town hall on October 19 and will feature a demonstration for "Preparing and Serving Community Meals."

All those interested should get in touch with Mrs. Marshall Lanphear before Sept. 8.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPT. 6 - PTA Executive Committee Meeting at the home of Mrs. Hantunen.

SEPT. 13 - First PTA meeting, Alexander Hall, 8 p.m.

Sept. 8 - Historical Society meeting, 7:30 p.m. Museum.

Sept. 7 - VFW Auxiliary meeting, Post Home, 8 p.m.

School OPENS!!!

Sept. 8 - Evening Alliance meeting, Unitarian Church, 8 p.m.

Sept. 9 - CPC Forum, Town Hall, Regional Consolidation, 8 p.m.

Sept. 10 - Salvation Army Program, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 11 - Salvation Army program, Town Hall 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Franklin County Fair opens.

Sept. 12 thru 14 - Franklin County Fair - Fair grounds, Greenfield, Mass.

Sept. 14 - VFW meeting, 8 p.m., Post Home.

Sept. 30 - CPC meeting, Town Hall, 8 p.m.

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S.A. BAND WILL PLAY BRIEF CONCERTS AT STOPOVERS ENROUTE FOR PROGRAM

Final plans were made for the coming two day Salvation Army program in Northfield, at the town hall, on Sept. 10 and 11, by the local committee at the Homestead last Monday evening.

The Manchester, Conn., Band of more than 30 pieces will feature the program and will hold a number of brief impromptu concerts en route in some of the surrounding towns before arriving in Northfield. The band due to arrive Saturday afternoon will also play in various sections of town prior to its full dress concert and service at the town hall that evening at 8 o'clock.

Reports have reached the committee that many of the surrounding communities, in three states, will have people in attendance at one or any of the three programs scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 10 and 11. The Sunday programs will be at 2:30 and 7:30 in the evening.

Col. William H. Fox, widely known Salvationist and Provincial Commander for the Salvation Army in New England will be the principle speaker at all of the events. Brigadier Clifford R. Brind-

ly, well known in this area for many years will introduce the program at the town hall.

It is expected that coffee and doughnuts will be available at the town hall Sunday afternoon between the afternoon and evening programs.

Song books will be available for everyone present at the meetings. A number of local men will act as ushers with Harold Briemaster as chairman of that group.

The Band and Chorus, and Col. Fox will be at the Methodist Church, Court St., Keene, N. H., Sunday, morning at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. The Rev. James F. Quimby is pastor of the church.

Members of the local committees are: Unto Hantunen, chairman, Mrs. Unto Hantunen, secretary, Harold Briemaster, the Rev. E. W. Blackstone, Gordon C. Buffum, Mrs. Philip Porter, Mrs. A. F. Bennett, the Rev. Helen Bassett, Ernest A. Parker, William F. Hoehn, the Rev. George A. Bronson, the Rev. Lester P. White, and Lawrence Quinlan.

FRANKLIN COUNTY FAIR, 101st YEAR, WILL OPEN FOR 4-DAY SHOW, SEPT. 11

The Franklin County Fair, sponsored by the Franklin County Agricultural Society Inc., which last year celebrated its 100th anniversary, will open September 11, 12, 13 and 14, begin its second century of growth and progress.

"The Live Wire Fair", as it has come to be known will once again be the place "where may be seen Livestock and Poultry; Canned Goods, Vegetables and Fruit; Fancy Work and Fine Art; Riding Horses and Draft Animals, Drum Corps, Bands and Vaudeville, Stunt Drivers and Trotting Races; Farm Equipment; Athletic Events and Decorated Floats; Fakirs from Far Lands; and divers other special and entertaining attractions."

The Franklin County Fair, began with a small show in 1848, was incorporated in 1897 by a group of county men, with Northfield subscribing to the time of 1888. The Fair started on Main street, then moved to Conway Road (Mill street) in 1859, and finally settled at its present location of Petty's Plain in 1876.

Life memberships in the Society were started in 1851. Men who paid five dollars for themselves and two and a half dollars each for their wives and children were granted continued free admission to the Fair, free passage over toll bridges on exhibition day, access to all exhibits, and a seat in the church for the speaking program. About 1890 the Greenfield members suggested that one way of solving the current financial troubles would be to abolish the life memberships. Members from other counties agreed, and the day of the membership certificate came to an end.

Recently a number of the life membership certificates dating back to the fair of 1852 were brought in

NOTICE

The Northfield Pharmacy will be closed for our annual vacation from Sept. 12th through Sept. 25th. Opening Monday, Sept. 26th. Daily papers will be at the IGA Food Mart. Sunday papers will be delivered to your home by Robert Dumbreck. Those at the farms and outlying districts will be left at Stearns Garage

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FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor
Sunday, August 28,
No Services.

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister.

11:00 a.m. — Public Worship. The Reverend W. H. Bollman minister of the First Reformed Church Lancaster, Pennsylvania, will preach. There will be a meeting of the officers and teachers of the Church School in the vestry on Thursday evening, September 8th, at 7:30 o'clock.

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Services every Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 11:45 a.m. Loyal Workers, 6:45 p.m. Praise Service, 7:30 p.m.

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Services are discontinued for the month of August.

ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Henry J. McCormick, Pastor
Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a.m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

Wine is the only beverage known to science to improve with age in the bottle, according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Veterans Information

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION—
Information for Veterans
Questions and Answers

Q. — Will the Veterans Administration pay for my part-time training for the correction of a speech defect under Public Law 167?

A. — Part-time training under Public Law 16 may be provided where the veteran's physical or mental condition is such as to preclude full-time training and the training afforded may restore employability.

Q. — When is a veteran training under Public Law 16 considered to be rehabilitated?

A. — When the disabled veteran has completed his course under the law prescribed to prepare him for his employment objective and his employability is restored.

Q. — I was honorably discharged from the Navy and have received the Purple Heart, but I am not disabled. Can I receive any kind of compensation from the Government?

A. — A holder of the Purple Heart is not entitled to compensation unless he has a disability rating of not less than ten percent. However, veterans who have the Purple Heart are entitled to certain advantages in Civil Service examinations and appointments. Detailed information on these advantages may be obtained from the U. S. Civil Service Commission. In some states, also Purple Heart holders are entitled to certain exemptions for real-estate assessment and taxation purposes. Information on this point can be obtained from local assessors.

Q. — I understand there is a provision for reduced fares for Veterans Administration beneficiaries traveling at their own expense. Is this true?

A. — Yes. Under certain circumstances requests for reduced fares may be issued upon railroad companies offering such fares where government transportation is not authorized.

Veterans and their dependents who desire information concerning their benefits and entitlements are invited to send inquiries to the newspaper. Their questions and the answers will be published in the column.

Dr. Bronson Feted On His 78th Birthday

Dr. George A. Bronson celebrated his 78th birthday, August 26, an was entertained at dinner by his wife and Mrs. Lester White at M. Hermon. Guests were Dr. and Mrs. Harry B. Belcher of Brooklyn, N. Y.; the Rev. and Mrs. William McDevott, and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. L. Berger.

Chicago Doctor Describes Facial Paralysis Repair

Several techniques for the surgical repair of facial paralysis are described by Paul W. Greeley, M. D., Chicago, in the "Archives of Surgery," published by the American Medical Association.

Facial paralysis may result from injury to the seventh, or facial nerve. This nerve may be damaged in several ways, including skull fracture, bullet wounds, injury from a mastoid operation, or tumors on the nerve.

According to Dr. Greeley, the best method of repair involves surgery of the injured nerve, with the intention of permitting the face to gain motion again. This may include the sewing together of the ends of the lacerated nerve trunk or the grafting of part of one nerve to another to fill in a gap if the injury has made one.

The uniting of one nerve to another, which has been used several times in the treatment of facial paralysis, is undesirable, the report says, because "the associated movements involved in trying to move the facial muscles are awkward and frequently more conspicuous than the original facial paralysis."

When nerve surgery cannot be undertaken, the article says that "the simplest and most satisfactory plastic surgical correction is obtained by supporting the paralyzed face with strips of autogenous fascia lata (a fibrous tissue surrounding the muscles of the thigh)."

Too Few Circuits in Home May Cause Loss of Power

Most families economize on electricity by being careful to turn off lights, but many do not realize that overloading circuits, using appliances unsuited to wiring, or investing in second-rate cords also cause waste, says Louisiana State University extensionist.

Too few circuits and too small wires cause dim or flickering lights and slow down appliances. This means less light, heat or power for the money spent on electricity, and also greater depreciation of equipment.

The way to avoid such waste is to provide adequate circuits and large enough wires when electricity is installed in building or remodeling the home. The average six-room house generally needs one to two circuits for the basement, four to six for the first floor, and two to four for the second floor. Adequate circuits should be installed to take care of present and also future equipment. It costs far less to put these in when the house is built than to install them later.

Wherever possible long circuits should be avoided to prevent loss of electric energy. With No. 14 wire, the outlets should be not more than 25 feet from a fuse box or panel board; with No. 12 wire, not more than 35 feet. If circuits must be longer in a large house, fuse boxes or circuit breaker panels should be installed on each floor, supplied by feeder wires, preferably of No. 8 size, from the service entrance box.

Flickering Lights

Farm electric wiring may meet underwriters' requirements yet still be inadequate. A sure sign of loss in a circuit, according to A. V. Krewatch, extension agricultural engineer at the University of Maryland, is a flickering of lights when the milking machine starts, when the pump operates, or when the dairy refrigerator is on. The answer may be more circuits with separate lines to pump, compressor or milking machine, or installation of heavier wire in present circuits. Installing separate circuits and possibly the rearrangement of the yard wiring is the better choice. According to Krewatch, there is a real fire hazard in metallic-sheathed cable which has rusted and has become encrusted with whitewash. This is especially so if connections are loose. Binding post connections in switch or fuse boxes may get loose from building vibrations or may corrode because of too much moisture, causing high resistance spots.

Value of Milk

A quart of milk—four glasses—supplies approximately these percentages of the daily nutritive requirements of an average man: Calcium, 100 per cent plus; riboflavin (vitamin G), 82 per cent; phosphorus, 67 per cent; protein, 49 per cent; vitamin A, 30 per cent; thiamin, 22 per cent; calories, 22 per cent; vitamin C, 19 per cent; niacin, 8 per cent; and iron, 3 per cent.

Heart of Asparagus

Asparagus is grown in nearly all sections of the United States, but large industrial production is limited to a few localities. In 1945, in the nation, 126,258 acres were used for commercial growing of asparagus. About half of this acreage was located in California. Principal areas of production in that state are Sacramento, San Joaquin, San Fernando and Imperial valleys.

Infra-Red Ray for Cotton

The newest wrinkle in cotton ginning is the use of infra-red rays to dry moist cotton. The idea is to keep a constant heat all through the ginning process. The cotton is heated while going through the extractor and stands. A battery of 22 infra-red lights is set up on each unit. By the time the cotton passes through the press there is little moisture left.



Ayrshire Breeders Testing Production

Keep Average Chart, Record of Animals

The Ayrshire breeders' association is the only cattle-breeders' organization in the field which maintains "average" rather than "selective" production records of its cows, according to officials.



At this time, it was reported, some 16,000 Ayrshire cows are voluntarily "on test." Daily, certified records of all phases of production and lactation are averaged into monthly records and these, in turn, are averaged into annual records. From these annual figures, "herd" averages are then computed, and these are computed into the only "breed" averages extant.

Owners of the Ayrshire cattle are given duplicate copies of the production records compiled with the help of foolproof IBM machines. This system is of immeasurable help to Ayrshire farmers in operating their herds and disposing of surplus cattle.

But this painstaking "cows on test" project is only one of the many operations conducted by the A.B.A. staff. The birth of every Ayrshire calf is recorded and registered.

The operations of the A.B.A. are helping to make Ayrshire cattle one of the most popular breeds of dairy cattle in the country. The Ayrshire is reported the highest producer of 4.0 per cent milk of any breed. Only Ayrshires produce "naturally homogenized" milk—the fat globules are so fine and tiny that they are integrated by nature with the rest of the milk. Ayrshire milk is in great demand by hospitals, and by doctors with on-diet patients.

De-Humidifier



Now the home-owner can protect property in his basement from mold, rust and mildew damage by moist summer air with any one of several simple and inexpensive de-humidifiers and a low-cost chemical—calcium chloride. Scarce in supply during the war years, calcium chloride is now in plentiful supply. Low-cost de-humidifiers are available nationally through hardware and lumber dealers.

De-humidifiers designed to use the chemical have a container such as that shown here, for the flake which is exposed to air. Calcium chloride has the unique property of being able to absorb several times its own weight in moisture.

Montana Farm Families Assist County Agents

More than 6,500 rural men and women in 43 Montana counties gave freely of their time during 1948 to assist county extension agents in carrying forward programs aimed at bringing about improved farming and homemaking methods and better rural community living, according to the year's end report of R. B. Tootell, director of the agricultural extension service at Montana state college.

Entertainment and Amusement Guide

LATCHIS MEMORIAL BRATTLEBORO

2:15 6:30 8:30

Fri. - Sat. Sept. 2 - 3

"SLATTERY'S HURRICANE"
RICHARD WIDMARK
LINDA DARNELL

Sun. - Tues. Sept. 4 - 5

"YOU'RE MY EVERYTHING"
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ANNE BAXTER

Wed. - Thurs. Sept. 7 - 8

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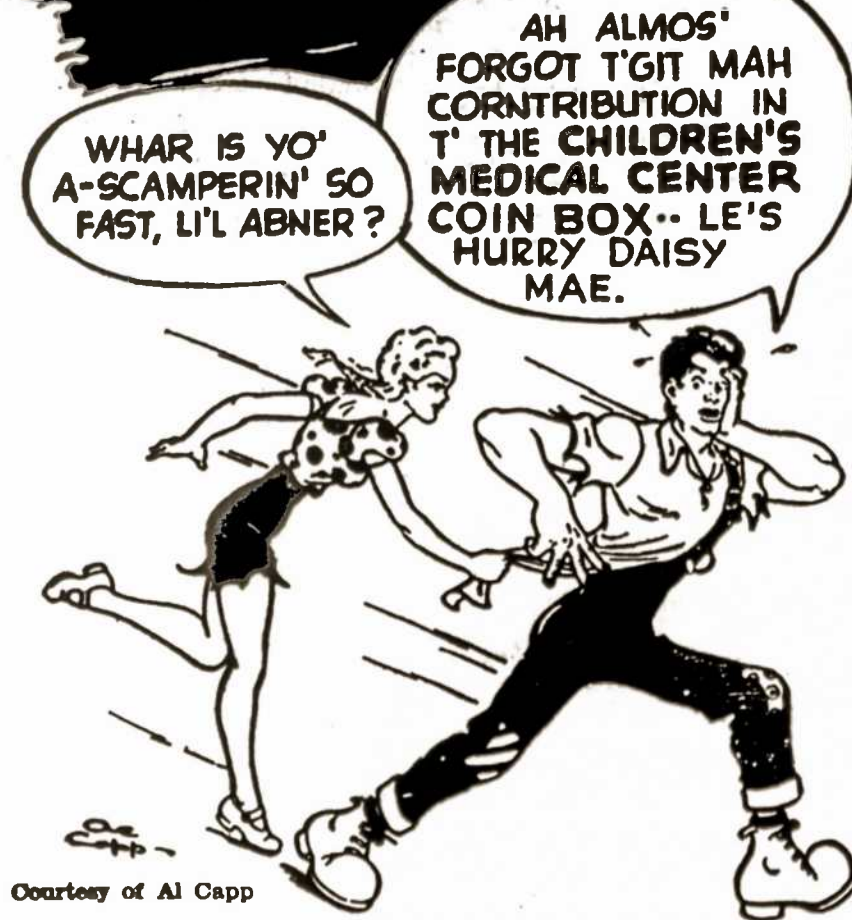
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Both local Post Office's and Stanley Payson, Service Officer for the Haven H. Spencer Post and also for the Northfield Post 9874 V. F. W. reported that there was quite a rush in filling out the GI Insurance dividend forms by local veterans. More than 150 blanks were distributed.

Most of the forms were filled out and in the mail by evening of the first day, while some GI's had to do a little research in finding their policy numbers.

According to the latest information the first payments will begin rolling out of Washington by the first of the year and all payments should be completed the July, 1950.

It has been estimated that the average payment will be \$175 and in some quarters the opinion is that the approximate amount each eligible veteran will receive can be fairly accurately determined.

If the veteran will add up the amount he paid in premiums from

the effective date of the policy or certificate to its 1948 anniversary date, and then divide the total by three, the result will be the approximate amount of his dividend.

It should be borne in mind that the current dividend is not payable beyond the 1948 anniversary date of the policy.

Edward H. Hurley Passes State Exam

Edward H. Hurley has received notice recently that he was successful in his State Board Examination for Funeral Directors. He was graduated from the New England Institute of Anatomy and Embalming in Boston where he was Business Manager of his class. He is now awaiting the State Board exam for embalming in October. He plans to be employed out of town later on.

Schools to Open Wednesday, Sept. 7

September 7 will find local schools opening for another year, with high school pupils reporting at 8:30 and grade school pupils at 9:00.

Supt. Turner requested that new pupils report to him prior to school opening if they have not done so already.

The bus schedules will remain the same as they were at the close of last school term, and adjustments will be made if needed during the year.

It is expected that all high school pupils will be given the opportunity of taking a course in typewriting this year.

Two new electric clocks have been added at the high school, and the floors have been sanded and refinished in both schools. Screens have been placed over the lower rear windows of the buildings to protect them from being hit by baseballs from the playing field.

The south lower room in the high school building has been converted into a classroom for the fifth grade with the addition of a work bench, book case, bulletin boards and chalk boards.

The Western Mass. Electric Co. has replaced four stoves in the home economics class room. A new gas range has been purchased for the cafeteria, while the old one was given to the Community Club No. 4.

A Jungle Gym and a basketball court has been added to the playground area at the Center school and a new front walk was built at the high school during the summer.

64% from other sources, as estimated by the U. S. Department of Commerce. Per capita income in 1948 was \$1,500, compared with \$1,421 in 1947, \$1,199 in 1939 and \$897 in 1929. At the last count of labor troubles reported by the U. S. Department of Labor, that the first quarter of 1949, Massachusetts ranked first among the ten leading industrial states in having the least number of workers involved in strikes; it was second in the least number of man-days lost and third in total number of strikes. Department of Labor and Industries reports that the ten industrial centers in Massachusetts that had the largest weekly factory wage earnings in July were: Norwood \$63.48, Quincy \$62.62, Chicopee \$60.96, Framingham \$60.12, Lynn \$59.77, Pittsfield \$59.58, West Springfield \$57.83, Peabody \$57.39, Beverly \$57.39, and Everett \$57.24. Testimony before the State commission appointed in 1939 to study the Sudbury River Valley indicated that some 10,000 acres of formerly rich meadow land had been flooded by dams and water developments, but could be reclaimed by elimination of those causes. In the town of Boxboro a special committee has been appointed to report on the desirability of establishing an official planning board.

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groom, was best man, while Murray Pallam of East Northfield was an usher.

Following the ceremony the couple drove west to Texas and to Monterey, Mexico, then to Estes Park, Colorado where they worked for five weeks on a dude ranch. The route to Northfield took them through Niagara Falls. They are now on a two weeks cruise to Bermuda.

Upon their return they will live in Philadelphia where Mr. Duncan is completing his work for his Master's Degree at the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School.

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Town Topics

Mrs. Isabel Carter has been confined to the Franklin County hospital.

Frank N. Ray, a long time summer resident of East Northfield is seriously ill in a Providence, R. I., hospital.

Property Transfers:

Russell G. Belding of Vernon, B. C., Canada, as administrator of the estate of Mary R. Evans, late of Northfield, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Stebbins, one acre of land on the north side of Maple street.

Russell G. Belding of Vernon, B. C., and Mary E. Caswell of Vancouver, B. C., to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard W. Stebbins, all rights, title and interest in the above premises.

Mr. and Mrs. John V. McNeill to Mr. and Mrs. Peter E. Ladzinski, Jr., a tract on the north side of New Plain road and another on the north side of the Wendell road.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Ober and daughter, Elizabeth Ann, who have occupied their mountain home during July and August, recently entertained a group of friends for a picnic and a soft ball game. A beautiful Red Fox observed the pilgrimage.

Ed Moore, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Moore, summer residents of this town, is on his way back to Northfield after a ten weeks trip through the far west. With two of his Wesleyan University friends he has visited five of the National Parks and has climbed several of the Rockies, including Mt. Whitney the highest peak in the United States.

In spite of the wonders of the west he writes that he is looking forward to seeing the "green hills of Northfield once again".

Franklin County Federation of Men's Clubs and church Brotherhoods will meet at Deerfield on Monday evening, October 10th at the Deerfield Academy. Dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock. Charles W. Higinbotham of Turners Falls is

POOL CONSULTANT FAVORS \$500 FOR FURTHER STUDY OF LOCAL POOL SITES

The Swimming Pool Committee has received the following letters in the course of its investigation of the local swimming pool situation, and has released them for public information.

August 16, 1949

Mrs. E. C. Benney
Birnam Road, Rt. 1
Northfield, Mass.
Dear Mrs. Benney:

First of all please accept my appreciation of the friendly spirit shown me by both you and your committee members on Sunday last.

At the suggestion of your committee I am very glad to confirm here with my opinion of four possible recreational areas we investigated.

1. The first site (Glenover Inn area) inspected has no natural features, both in water supply and other essentials to make it desirable.

2. The second site (Wanamaker Pond), at the junction of two highways, at the north end of the town, has some desirable elements which are greatly outweighed by the restricted area for parking, etc. The pool is altogether too near these highways for a well developed plan, and also for the safety of young persons.

3. The third site, on Warwick Road, (near the intersection of School St.) has fairly good recreational possibilities. However the contour of the ground is such that more detailed investigation should be made to determine the extent of the construction involved. One detrimental feature is its lack of depth from the highway to the brook.

4. The fourth site, on Wright's Brook, is very rugged and picturesque and, in my opinion, has decided advantages over the other sites. There is apparently an ample supply of good water; a sizeable area for parking near the highway and sufficient land for circulation around any pool development. This area should be thoroughly investigated to determine the cost of construction with allowances for future expansion.

In conclusion may I say that in

president of the organization. The Northfield Brotherhood of the Congregational Church and the Men's Fellowship of the South Vernon Church will have a good representation.

Mrs. Laura Schwalb of Washington, D. C., aunt of Richard Williams, has been a guest at the Marshall home on Highland Avenue. Mrs. Williams entertained at bridge Thursday evening.

The Fumblers Farmers baseball team played a Ridge team managed by William Bollman on August 25.

At the Sunday evening hymn sing at the Homestead, Spurgeon Gage told about his trip to Alaska and Mrs. Dorothy Pierson Bolton sang solos. 40 were present.

the study of these sites I have not considered property costs. However the property cost is an item to contend with but should not dominate the selection of a site if other factors are desirable. This is particularly true where the money to be paid for the property is not excessive. When property is once acquired it remains a lifetime investment.

A preliminary survey of both the Warwick Road and Wright's Brook areas is desirable. This map should give only the information necessary to make a comprehensive plan, or rather plans, of the two areas together with an estimated cost data.

My suggestion to your committee is to try and get an appropriation of, say \$500, for survey work and plans to arrive at an estimate of cost which can be brought up before the Town later in the year.

Very truly yours,
Porter W. Dorr
Planning Consultant

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Public Health
August 10, 1949

Mrs. Helen G. Benney
Birnam Rd., Route 1
Northfield, Mass.
Dear Mrs. Benney:

Your letters of July 16 and July 31, addressed to Dr. Getting were referred by him to this Division. The Division apologizes for the delay in answering your letter of July 16.

In reply to your inquiry relative to possible action by the Department in the event the town votes to build a swimming pool at the Wright's Brook site contrary to the Department's recommendations, the laws of this Commonwealth do not give the Department any authority in such matters except advisory; therefore the town can build a pool at any site selected by it regardless of the Department's recommendation. If the town should decide upon the Wright's Brook site, the Board of Health of Northfield has ample authority under Chapter III of the General Laws of Massachusetts to prevent pollution of the brook by domestic sewage or other waste matters.

With regard to the Jewett's Pond site, the State topographical map would indicate that there is sufficient watershed above this point to provide adequate diluting water at all times; however, actual knowledge by residents of the town of flow conditions during periods of drought may not substantiate this fact. For your information, the report of the Joint Committee on bathing places of the American Public Health Association and the Conference of State Sanitary Engineers, a copy of which was sent to Mr. Parker of the Board of Selectmen on July 9, 1949, recommends that the amount of diluting water be not less than 500 gallons per bather per day.

Yours truly,
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At the same time that this was going on, workmen were busy with the job of redecorating walls and ceilings of the first floor rooms. I

am sure you will enjoy the "new look" which the library has acquired this summer.

With the opening of school on Wednesday, we expect our juvenile circulation to increase after the summer slump.

A few of the new books for juveniles have been received and we hope soon to have a substantial list to tempt the youngster's literary appetites.

F.H.P.

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Country Noises

It has been said that the tempo of the crickets' concerted chirping indicates the prevailing temperature thereby making them veritable animated thermometers. On a cool night they chirp leisurely, but on a hot summer's evening, as I am hearing them tonight, at some 90 degrees Fahrenheit, they are splitting the second in quarters. I am timing them by my watch. The crickets are lively, cheerful neighbors as long as they remain outdoors, but too insistently loquacious if they once get inside, like some high-powered salesmen, we have met.

There are other insect sounds deep in "Birnham Wood" which have a more leisurely tempo, as of long wings grating on powerful jumping legs. The full-grown hylas are vocal too. In fact, tonight Birnham Wood is very much alive. (I like to call it so, for our road has retained the original spelling of the famous wood in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, which at last prophetically came to Dunsinghame in its hour of doom.)

These country noises lull me to sleep, whereas I find the constant slapping of a blind, or slamming of a door, exasperating. Were I to go to the city, my sleep would be disturbed by incessant man-made din—rumbling of wheels, honking of horns, the rattle of gongs on "hurry-

up" wagons, whistles and what-not. On the other hand, city people complain that they cannot sleep at first, on going to the country. It is either "so quiet", or the incessant peeping of frogs, chirping of crickets and early matins of birds keep them awake.

Many years ago we lived for a time on a "gentleman's estate" in Essex county. The house was widespread with a large barn attached, all painted farmhouse white, yet rather more imposing than most country houses. In front was a lovely little pond fed by a spring and drained by a tiny brook. A driveway circled it for the convenience of vehicles. There had been just enough attempt at landscaping to make it look as though the flowering shrubs naturally grew on its grassy slopes—pink hawthorn, Japanese quince, flowering currants, spiraea and the rare pineapple bush, all overhung by red maples and willows.

In the pond lived a solitary bull-frog laden with years and he was "some croaker"! To us, he seemed friendly, but when good Aunt Phebe came from the city to visit us, there was a great to-do about his vocalizing. Every morning it was the same complaint: "That old frog kept me awake!"

We just had to get rid of the frog. Our itinerant butcher, Arthur Edwards, kindly came to Auntie's assistance. We privately stated our dilemma to him and on his next trip he produced a fish-pole with a red flannel rag for bait, guaranteed to catch any old batrachian basso profundo. Frank casually played around the surface of the pond and it wasn't five minutes before he had landed Grandfather Frog with a smiling "I told you so!" He reckoned he had a customer for those meaty hind legs.

The pond seemed dreadfully quiet without his happy "Paddy-got-drunk, got-drunk!", but Aunt Phebe could at last enjoy unbroken sleep.

Next time: "The Music of the Bells"

Historic Society
Quarterly Meeting

The next quarterly meeting of the Northfield Historical Society is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6th at 7:30 p.m., at the Museum. Using the program of the historic tour in June which quoted the markers in this vicinity, a discussion will center about these evidences of earlier settlers. Then Mr. Hubert Eastman will speak on River Boats. Of the four openings of the Museum to the public this summer, the second and third held on such hot weather that the attendance was small. However, the first and fourth were very well attended, averaging

fully fifty visitors in the two hours. The guests were both local residents and summer folk from a great variety of places. Many expressed enthusiasm concerning the exhibits.

End of Hurricane
Causes Slight Damage

The tail-end of the \$50,000,000 hurricane (according to some wild-eyed observers) blew down a few trees and limbs in Northfield last Monday. Local power was off for a short time in the afternoon, but no serious damage was reported. The accompanying rain helped farms and gardens to a degree, but the water supply situation was not much improved following the rain.

NEW
ARRIVALS

MANN - A daughter, Joan Ruth, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., August 26, at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital, Brattleboro, Vt. Grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Avery and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mann, Sr. of Northfield; great-grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth Blake, Newburyport.

YOUNG - In Franklin County hospital, Aug. 24, a son, Kelvin Adelbert, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young of Northfield Farm; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tenney of Northfield Farm; great-grandson of Mrs. A. A. Dunklee of South Vernon, Vt.

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Supt. F. Sumner Turner, of School Union 22, announced this week that John E. Marshall, Consultant for the state school Building Assistance Commission will be here for the Central Planning Committee-sponsored forum on Sept. 9 at town hall. Marshall, a nationally known authority on schools, has visited Northfield, and the other towns in School Union 22, in recent months and has made a thorough study of the school building problems in this area and is well qualified to speak on the proposed Regional consolidation of School Union 22.

In addition to Marshall it is still possible that several state legislators will be present, however their presence hinges on the end of the legislative session in Boston.



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The discussion at the town hall forum on Sept. 9 will center on the recently passed "regional consolidation school bill."

It is expected that the local town appointed school building committee will ask the selectmen for a special town meeting at which time a three man committee will be appointed to study the question and report fully at the next meeting.

George Hutton, and his sister Olive Hutton Nichol and families visited their aunt, Miss Ethel Moody, this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Campbell have returned to their Devon, Conn. home.

The McKnight family have returned to their home.

The library committee of the Northfield Farms Library has announced a meeting of the Library

associates for Thursday afternoon, October 20th. Important business will come before the meeting.

Rev. Harry L. Meyer of Fall River, who is vacationing at his summer home in Mountain Park, was the preacher last Sunday morning at the Mount Vernon Congregational church in Boston, which is well-known as the Moody church.

The East Northfield Water Company is extending its mains out Winchester Road toward the residence of Mr. Spaulding. A fire hydrant will be located near the corner of Pierson Road.

Summer residents of the Ridge are delighted to learn that Wesley C. Atkins and his sister, Miss Flora Atkins will spend next summer here at their cottage on North Lane. Mr. Atkins has begun the construction of a permanent home in California where they will reside in the future.

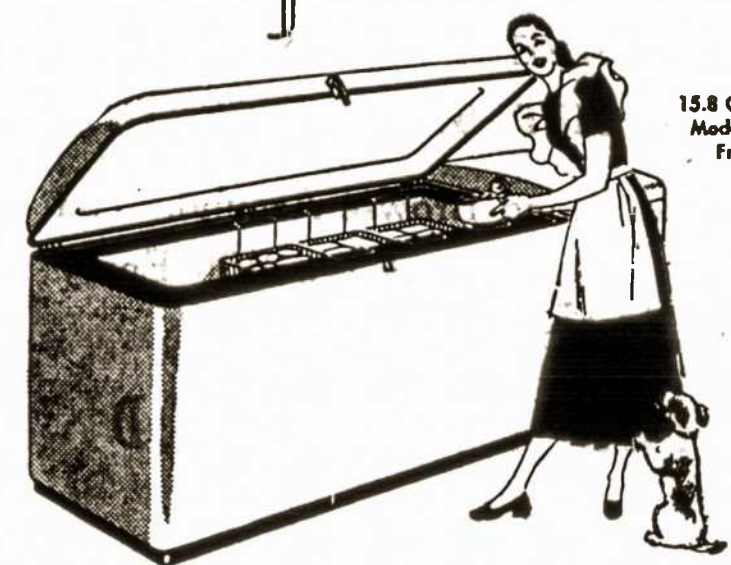
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